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SUBJECT: ITALY SUPPORTIVE OF RESOLUTION AGAINST
STATE-SANCTIONED RAPE

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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Jonathan Cohen, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Human Rights Office Director Laura Carpini on November 13. Poloff requested Italian support in fending off amendments that would dilute the strength and alter the focus of the U.S.-sponsored resolution condemning rape as a tool for political and military objectives. Carpini was receptive to our points, saying that Italy had co-sponsored the resolution because it agreed that state-sanctioned rape was a particularly reprehensible crime. Although she said that it was difficult to state the Italian position on amendments without actually seeing the text in question, she said Italy supported USG efforts to maintain the resolution's current focus.
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